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EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week at the meeting of the Rotary Club, President A. M. Braswell called the club's attention to a speech made recently by Judge Samuel H. Sibbey, of Marietta, Ga. It is called "Georgia's Wasting Wealth." Byron Dyer, county agent, expanded to some degree on Judge Sibbey's theme. Believing that it will be of general interest we reproduce, in part, "Georgia's Wasting Wealth."

GEORGIA'S WASTING WEALTH

"The president said last year, 'The South is the Nation's economic problem No. 1.' William Green, president, American Federation of Labor, said here last winter, 'The Nation's greatest problem is unemployment.' The president meant that Georgia, with the rest of the South, is relatively low in production and accumulation of wealth per capita, and is having trouble in making adjustment. The trouble is not with Georgia's natural resources, nor with her health, nor with her financial institutions, nor her factories, nor her transportation systems, nor her city merchandising, nor her building operations. These are all holding their own with the rest of the country, and handicaps such as pensions, tariff and freight rate discriminations are in process of adjustment. The raw spot is in our agriculture, and more than half of our own people are still on the farms, and over four-fifths of our area is involved there.

"Green was talking about industrial unemployment in the cities and towns. Georgia is not worse off than other states in that respect, but Atlanta like every large city is wrestling with a great relief problem unsolved. There is not much loss of normal activity to blame this unemployment on. It is aggravated by the number of women who have gone to work in the past twenty years who were formerly not industrially employed, but were not counted as unemployed. They have now put a lot of men out of work in some callings. But it is my belief that the chief cause in Georgia of industrial unemployment is the pressure from the country. Our unemployed are largely people who come from the farms to ease their labors, satisfy their wife and children with a brighter life and a better education, or who come in despair because they simply can't do anything on the little farm which they lost and now rent, and they grasp at the town as the last straw. If these have not become the unemployed in the city it is because they have taken the jobs from the city born. Save the rural problem in Georgia and you will solve unemployment in the city.

Improvements Increase Dissatisfaction

"Agricultural education, the use of machinery, better methods of farming have produced surpluses which have resulted in cutting the allowable production of the standard crops from which cash was realized. Better schools, moving pictures, better clothes, rural electrification, a hundred comforts have come, but to the least energetic and the most handicapped they have meant nothing but increased dissatisfaction, because they all cost cash and more cash, they are not in reach, or if reached for anyhow have resulted in financial ruin. We have the foundation laid for a good rural life, but it is worth nothing unless a cash income can be found to support it. It takes now as much cash to maintain the family car as it used to take to run a one-horse farm. Taxes, payable in cash, are tripled. Every amenity of life costs cash. There is only dissatisfaction, or debt, and certain financial ruin and despair to result from it.

"Last year's crop of cotton came to about \$45,000,000 for the million bales, and \$6,000,000, for the seed. Tobacco, the other cultivated crop, was about \$11,000,000. Total \$62,000,000. The Agricultural Department of the State furnished me with actual statistics and data in considerable detail, of meat products and dairy products and poultry and eggs shipped into this state last year for consumption. They estimated their market value. The total value is \$27,448,063. Of this about \$7,000,000 is for eggs and poultry; milk, mostly condensed, butter and cheese came to \$3,000,000; and meat and meat products were about \$17,000,000. Every bit of this twenty-seven and a half millions of food could have been raised in Georgia, and the money passed to the farmer instead of being sent out of the State.

"Why don't the farmers jump at this thing? The

farmers I am talking about are past jumping. They are not merchants, they have no business sense or experience, or they would be in town. They have been organized again and again and been betrayed to their sorrow.

"They can raise cows, beef cattle, vegetables, almost anything in plenty. They could not peddle them themselves. All they can market is cotton and cotton seed. They know where to take that and when, and that they will find an established market price, and competitive buyers. The same is true of tobacco, though these buyers seem collusive at times. To put these farmers where they can and will take a heart in such things as are under discussion, a similar market for them must be provided and brought to the farmers—it is useless to talk about bringing the farmers to the market.

Take the Market to the Farmer

"The packing houses already in Georgia are the main market for beef and hogs. The great south-eastern market about to be established in Atlanta can be made the basis for other things, satisfying not alone the great Atlanta appetite, but that of other states. Will the small farmer take his cattle to the packing house, or his chickens, eggs and vegetables to Atlanta? For short distances, yes. For small quantities and greater distances, no. He will be eaten up if he tries it, and will not try again. He will find a glutted market, flaws picked in what he offers, in the way it is packed, and what not. He will sell at a sacrifice or he will credit rather than not sell, and lose again. The market must be taken to him. Good roads and trucks make this easy. At stated places and times the truck will call for stated products. A buyer will precede or accompany it, prepared to pay the real honest value in cash. If the goods are wrong the farmer will take them home, with an understanding of what is needed. He will try to be a prize-winner next time. The county agents will be his aids and instructors. The buying organization, the information as to what and how much and when, and what price, must come from the packing house or Atlanta market.

"Where will the trucks come from? The buyers will eventually maintain them. Where they are most needed at first there will be little business, and the trucks will have to be subsidized. In war, or other emergency, 'Uncle Sam' will do it. If not, the state should. She will make money by it through increased taxes in the locality. If she cannot use tax money for that purpose according to her constitution, she can take her transportation system, the Western & Atlantic Railway, through its rentals, and run the trucks, using tax money where the rentals are now used. The thing can be done, and must be done to save the heart of Georgia. The city and the state must do it.

Waste a Foolish Crime

"The wealth of the state depends not only on production, but on the rate and kind of consumption that goes on, including waste. The accumulated wealth is the overplus saved. Necessary, and even unnecessary but reasonable, consumption of wealth is desirable, because the good of wealth to the individual lies in his consumption of it, and consumption makes way for and is the stimulus of more production. But in an impoverished community waste is a foolish crime. Impoverishment can also come from unwise exchanges of the wealth of the state for things outside the state. If we exchange our food and factory products for firecrackers, you need not ask a Solomon what the result will be.

"That is what we Georgians are doing. I find from the State Revenue Department that according to the liquor taxes last year Georgia drank alcoholic liquors, almost wholly imported, of the value of about \$11,000,000. We did not get up the figures on tobacco consumed, because we raise and sell about \$11,000,000 of tobacco, and maybe we can win fair tobacco smoke our own tobacco. But we sold raw tobacco at, say, 20 cents per pound, and smoked and manufactured tobacco at maybe two dollars a pound, paying the difference to North Carolina and Virginia. If cigarettes were smoked, or paying Cuba, to whom we sold no tobacco, if cigars, we probably burned up another \$11,000,000 in these tobacco exchanges.

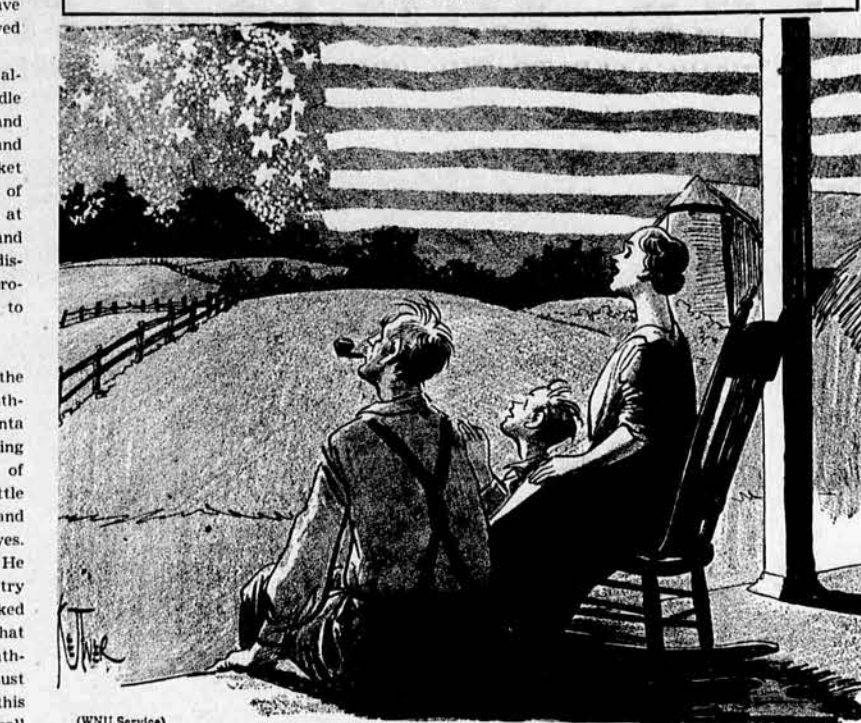
Auto and Gasoline Our Economic Folly

"But automobiles and gasoline are our gigantic economic folly. The 6-cent gasoline tax collected by the state last year came to \$20,319,239. I estimate the cost of the gasoline itself to be two and a half times as much in addition, \$50,748,097. The tax money itself was spent in Georgia, in place of other tax money. We kept it. That fifty-one other millions were elsewhere, was our whole cotton and cotton seed crop. There were registered last year 492,111 motor vehicles. They represent nearly as much money sent out of the state as the entire value of our agricultural products of all sorts. We literally burn our wealth, and have nothing to show for it but the recollection of a good time.

"I am not trying to stop Interstate Commerce. I believe in it. I wish to stop interstate waste, and to build up Georgia's capacity to produce wealth and retain some of it.

"Isaiah, 2,600 years ago, asked, 'Why do ye spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?' He didn't say why, but the answer is easy. 'We are fools.'"

America



(WNU Service)

The Man of the Week

This week we present as our "Man of the Week" a man famous for his hospitality among his friends, and his friends are many. Now 65 years old he likes to hunt and fish and to have his friends join him in sharing the fish and game he succeeds in bringing in. W. C. ("Bossy") Atkins has been suggested by several of his friends and we present the highlights of his years of service in Bulloch county.

A Bulloch countian of the deep-sea hue, Webb Atkins was 65 years old on April 1 of this year. He is the son of Robert and Fannie Hart of seven children by this couple. His brothers are Will, Morgan, W. Amos, Newt and Bob Atkins, and one sister, Mrs. Naomi Atkins (Blackburn). He was born "on the old place," six miles north of Statesboro on the old Rockford road.

Mr. Atkins lived on the farm until 1922 when he moved to Statesboro and established his present business on Oct. 4, 1919, in the building where Bowen's Furniture company is now located. In 1924 he moved across the street to the present location of W. C. Atkins & Son.

He married Ada Kingery and they had three children—Zonit, Pearl (Mrs. Boyce Deal), and Sue Lee (Mrs. Durwood Fulford). One year before Mr. Atkins moved to Statesboro his wife died. In 1923 he married Della Cannon, daughter of Eason Cannon and they have one child, Robbie.

He has three grandchildren, Lowell, Levaughn, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emitt Atkins, and J. Durwood Fulford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Fulford, of Atlanta.

Mr. Atkins is well known for his love for hunting and fishing. He never returns from a hunting or fishing trip that he does not import a number of his friends in the enjoyment of his fish or game with him. Perhaps he is best known for his annual Christmas morning egg-nog parties at which more than a hundred of his friends are invited every year. It has been his custom for more than ten years to give these parties.

It was he who first shipped pecans from Bulloch county in car loads lots from his business, W. C. Atkins & Son.

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"Wimpy Is a Sissy" Popeye's man Wimpy with the bottomless stomach has shown up in Elberton, someone made Mocklesley, lunch counter attendant. A customer calmly walked in and ordered five hamburgers "all the way." He ate them down them. Five more. And still five more. After wrapping himself around the twenty burgers and using several pounds of ketchup as a lubricant, he decided enough was enough. The

Greeks had a word for it: drastic gastric.

Man 'Runs Down'

Watch out! If you think someone is stealing your time, you may have only lost it. And lost time can be found. E. Taylor, Grady county farmer, lost his watch eleven years ago. But recently it was run down. Farm hands found the watch when they were cutting wood. The crystal was broken, and the stem was bent. But the watch was still in good condition.

Student Drops Runaway Auto

Hollywood ought to give her a screen test. And while the movie producers are at it, they might buy the story that goes with it. The scene: The hero is a college student, Robert Stevens, of West Georgia college. He is taking a nap on the front campus. The villain, an automobile driver, a nasty expression on his radiator, driverless, and locked, plunges over a shallow precipice and gains speed as it rolls over the campus toward sleeping Stevens. The heroine, Miss Jean Simms, a West Georgia college co-ed, sees the car rolling toward Stevens. She screams. Stevens scrambles to safety, just in time to see the car whizzing by. The thwarted villain crashes into a wall for a smash finish. A small, persistent, not intended for production, was held at West Georgia college a few days ago. It really happened!

Loose Screws In Georgia News

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Go to Church Sunday

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Morning prayer Sunday at 11 a.m., Health college, Georgia Teachers' college campus.
RONALD J. NEIL, Lay Reader.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:15 A. M.—Sunday school; Henry Ellis, superintendent.
11:30 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor, H. L. Sneed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

(C. M. Coulson, Minister).
Sunday, July 7, 1940.
Morning Services:
10:15—Sunday school; Dr. H. F. Hook, superintendent.
11:30—Worship service, sermon by the minister; subject, "A Misunderstood Man" Mark iii:21.

7:15—Baptist Training Union

Clyde Striplin, director.
8:30—Worship service; sermon subject, "Look Out!" Luke xii:34. Special music by the choir.
Union prayer service at the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8:30.

Methodist Church

Church school at 10:45 a.m.; J. L. Renfro, general superintendent. This school is departmentalized, with classes for every age group.
Sermon by the pastor at 11:30 o'clock a.m.
Epworth league at 7:30 p.m.
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